



INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Workgroup Breakout Session Summary Report Out

Child Development and Well-Being

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Summarize this workgroup's successes in 2014.

1. This workgroup created Indiana's Kindergarten Readiness Definition, which was approved by ELAC in fall of 2014.
2. Started review of Foundations

2015 Workgroup Key Deliverables:

Workgroup will be looking at health, child suspension/expulsion, children of color, and transition.

1. Comprehensive definition of Health (including mental health).
2. Establish a universal and comprehensive developmental screening.
3. Make recommendations regarding health to Paths to Quality.

How does the work of this group help fulfill the ELAC vision?

Health greatly affects a child's potential to learn and their quality of life. In addition, embedding best health practices into early learning assures greater access for children and families.

Information Needs:

Many new group members are working with health initiatives for children. Thus, our ability to access information should be very good!

Ideas expressed during Breakout Session:

1. Use mentors (licensing, PTQ, development therapists) already in early learning settings to spread health information. Ensure that all mentors deliver the same information.
2. IU School of nursing has a partnership with Early Learning Indiana to work with children in their early learning programs to do health assessments.
3. Look at adding endorsement for learning programs, i.e. Obesity prevention endorsement.
4. Ensure communication between child's school and health care provider.
5. Looking toward providing mental health consultation to prevent the need for intervention.
6. Members can research current definitions of health from other initiatives to inform the creation of our definition of health.
7. Dr. Jeanne Zehr from United Way of Allen County (moving to another position soon) said that Allen County is working on a Child's Health Improvement Plan. The planning group includes educators and doctors.
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8. Members traveling to workgroup meetings can receive state rates at hotels. Workgroup members should be reminded of this and how to access the appropriate paperwork.